

**MINUTES
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

Present: David A. Rempell, Chairman, Tom Costley, Jane B. Allen, Thomas E. Sheldon, Ronald Turbin

Others Present: Joan Burns, Jeffrey Thomas, Robert McCarthy, Philip McKnight, Kyle Johnson, Stephen Pagnotta, Alan Marden, Gregory Canales, Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT: None

2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES: August 13, 2012 – Mr. Sheldon moved to approve the August 13, 2012 minutes. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Costly abstaining.

3. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:

- A.** Request to close Southworth Street for Sts. Patrick and Raphael Church Parish Picnic (Sunday 9-23-12 11:30 am – 1 pm) Valerie Hall – Ms. Allen moved to accept a request to close Southworth Street for Sts. Patrick and Raphael Church Parish Picnic on Sunday 9-23-2012 from 11:30 am – 1 pm. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried 5-0-0.

B. Selectmen's Appointments:

Community Preservation Committee (Resident Member) One 2-year term (2014)
Jeffrey Thomas, Kris Kirby and Joan Burns

Mr. Turbin recused himself from this discussion and vote for personal reasons.
Ms. Allen moved to appoint Mr. Thomas as resident member on the Community Preservation Committee for a two-year term expiring June 30, 2014. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried 4-0-0.

Sign Commission – Re-appointment – 5-year term (2017)
Tim Hamilton

Ms. Allen moved to re-appoint Tim Hamilton to the Sign Commission for a five-year term expiring June 30, 2017. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried 5-0-0.

- C.** Alcoholic Beverage Compliance Check Failure – Taconic Golf Club, Club Manager Greg Canales, Board President Stephen Pagnotta and Board Member Alan Marden appeared before the Board. Mr. Canales said that all of his staff members are TIPs trained, and the reminder letter from Chief Johnson, stating that additional compliance checks will be conducted, was attached to the service door for all to see. Mr. Canales said he also met with staff to remind them to check ID's. He said that on August 9, 2012 when one of his staff served the individual during the compliance

check, the server knew the male patron, who was a friend of her older brother, and she assumed he was of age. Mr. Canales and Mr. Pagnotta said they were very embarrassed. In response to Mr. Sheldon's question on the status of the offending server, Mr. Canales said she was suspended for 10 days. Ms. Allen reminded Mr. Canales that the Board expects 100% compliance. Mr. Sheldon moved to recommend that the Board issue a letter of reprimand with a copy to their file. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Ms. Allen stated that in serving the compliance check participants, the establishment violated the terms of MGL 138 s12 in that those with a club license may serve members and guests of members. Mr. Pagnotta said in March of 2010, Taconic Golf Club presented an application for a Restaurant license but withdrew it due to a zoning issue. They will look into this option again.

- D. Route 2 Truck Ramp** – Following a discussion initiated by Mr. McCarthy regarding the safety of the approach to the Route 2 Truck Ramp, Mr. Costley moved that a letter stating the Board's concerns regarding the visibility of the Truck Ramp and the danger to traffic, especially school buses, traveling along Route 7, if a Truck driver in distress was unable to access the Truck Ramp. The letter would also state that the Board is interested in exploring modifications to the Truck Ramp approach, because in its present state they were concerned that the visibility of the Truck Ramp is inadequate. In addition, the Board would request that the MADOT representatives meet with them on site to exchange viewpoints and suggestions. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried 5-0-0. (Attachment A)
- E. Water and Sewer Warrant - \$199,357.63** – Ms. Allen moved to approve the water and sewer warrant for \$199,357.63. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried 5-0-0.
- F. Accept Resignation of Judy Giamborino from the Sign Commission** – Mr. Costley moved to accept Ms. Giamborino's resignation. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried 5-0-0.

4. LICENSES AND PERMITS:

A. The President and Trustees of Williams College, Robert Volpi, Manager requests approval of two (2) One-Day Wine and Malt Beverage Liquor Licenses:

Weston Field Hospitality Beverage Concession, Change Date from Saturday, September 15 to Saturday, September 22, 2012 from 12 noon – 4 pm - Service to end of third quarter of football game

Greylock Dining Hall, Saturday, September 29, 2012 from 6 – 9:30 pm for a X-Country Reunion

Mr. Costley moved to approve two one-day wine and malt beverage liquor licenses as request by the President and Trustees of Williams College. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried 5-0-0. (applications are filed in the Town Manager's office)

B. Store at Five Corners, 6 New Ashford Road, Ryan Hassett, Manager – Request for a Common Victualer License – Ms. Allen moved to approve the Common Victualer License. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried 5-0-0.

5. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT: See attached report or at www.williamstown.net

6. PETITIONERS’ REQUESTS: None.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Allen announced that on Saturday, September 22nd from 9 am to 1 pm the NBSWD, in partnership with the All Saints Church on Summer Street in North Adams, will hold a shredding service day at the Steeple City Plaza. In addition, appliances and electronics will be accepted for a fee. The event will be posted on the Town’s website.

Mr. Sheldon reported on the first meeting of the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund Committee held on Wednesday, September 5, 2012. He said all five members were present and said the officers were voted as follows: Stan Parese, Chairman, Sheldon, Vice Chair, Fred Puddestar, Treasurer and Cathy Yamamoto, Recording Secretary. Mr. Sheldon said the Committee discussed the Affordable Housing Committee’s current focus and will be developing and filing a “Declaration of Trust” that will be filed with the Registry of Deeds in order to get its bonifides as a land handling entity. Mr. Sheldon said he would bring a draft mission vision with goals to the next meeting. He said he plans to propose some aggressive goals for the Committee to work on for the next three to five years. He said the Committee will meet monthly.

Mr. Rempell announced the 5th Annual Community Chest Fun Run will be held Saturday, September 15, 2012 beginning at 10 a.m. at the new Youth Center on School Street. This year’s run will celebrate the wonderful work that Higher Ground has done.

Mr. Rempell said he has represented the Board of Selectmen as its Parks Commissioner on the Community Preservation Act Committee for several years. He asked if anyone on the Board would like to take his place, please let him know.

8. ADJOURN: Mr. Costley moved to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried 5-0-0. The next Selectmen’s meeting is Monday, September 24, 2012 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Turbin, Secretary